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GTC delinquencies rise during holidays

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

With the holiday season fast approaching, base finance officials are cautioning government travel cardholders not to misuse their cards.

"For some reason, there is always a spike in the misuse of GTCs during the holiday season," said Maj. Kerry Britt, 12th Comptroller Squadron commander. "It's up to every GTC holder to ensure cards are only used for authorized travel-related purposes."

While the consequences for cardholders wrongfully using their cards may vary, the major warns that misuse and late payments do not go without penalty.

"Consequences are determined by the individual's commander, but I've seen punishment ranging from letters of counseling for first-time offenses, all the way to courts martial for major offenders usually a track record of other offenses as well."

Cardholders who are late with payment also face late fees of up to \$29 a month, said the major.

While the base's fiscal year 2006 rate of misuse during December was half the rate of FY 2005, it is still double the Air Force standard rate of two percent, said Major Britt.

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Rolling to victory



Alison Ely (right) of the Sweaty Housewives women's relay team roles a tire to finish the mystery event portion of the Rambler 120 Team Challenge as her teammates cheer her on Saturday at Canyon Lake. The Sweaty Housewives were one of 32 teams to compete in the competition, which included a 22-mile bike, six-mile run, two-mile raft and mystery challenge. For a complete rundown of the Rambler 120, see pages 18 and 19. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

Tradition honored, NCOs recognized



Staff Sgt. Shannon Roman, 12th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, lights the top candle, symbolizing the rank of staff sergeant, at the Randolph NCO Induction ceremony Oct. 5. (Photo by Don Lindsey)

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio Wingspread editor

The words "I am" echoed through the enlisted club ballroom, as 30 new noncommissioned officers stated their intentions of upholding the charges of an NCO at Randolph's first NCO induction ceremony on Oct. 5.

The event marked the beginning of a new chapter for the group and gave the friends, families, supervisors and coworkers of the inductees a chance to honor the Airmen in a formal ceremony.

"The ceremony was a strategic pause," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing Command Chief. "It was a pause from our daily tasks and duties and a chance to formally recognize, induct and honor our future Air Force leaders into the NCO corps."

The event was the first of it's kind at Randolph. Staff Sgt. Neeley Yarborough, Induction Committee cochairman, said the majority of NCO's don't remember their induction or didn't even have one.

"Staff sergeant is the first rank you earn on your own," said Sergeant Yarborough. "I wanted to be a part of a team that could put together something that left a lasting impression on our new staff sergeants."

The night started with a medallion ceremony in the Enlisted Club nightclub with only the inductees and their guests. Col Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing Commander, and Chief Page spoke to each inductee and their guest individually.

The inductees were given a medallion to wear around their neck, engraved with the stripes they were to receive as new staff sergeants. The medallions hung from red, white and blue ribbon and were worn throughout the night, helping them stand out from the rest of the guests.

Once Colonel Clark and Chief Page had a chance to congratulate each inductee, the group and other guests mingled in the ballroom. At the start of the official ceremony, chimes were rung to signal all guests to their seats.

The inductees were introduced one at a time and entered the ballroom through a saber team comprised of all Chief Master Sergeants.

After dinner, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Tappana, 19th Air Force Command Chief, spoke to the inductees and guests about his experiences in the Air Force.

Chief Tappana held a spear in his hand and spoke of the phrase 'tip of the spear' and how it symbolized excellence. He then explained that the tip of the spear wasn't as effective when not backed by the staff.

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Rambler 120 draws large crowd for grand event.



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> Col. Richard Clark 12th Flying Training Wing commander







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Message from 19th Air Force commander

By Maj. Gen. Irving L. Halter Jr. 19th Air Force commander

To the men and women of 19th Air Force - although we arrived just over a week ago, my family has already seen first-hand the outstanding professionalism and dedication to duty you are known for.

Thank you for your hard work and hospitality in making this relatively quick-turn assignment go so smoothly for the Halter family.

My message to you today will be short, as appropriate for someone who has so much to learn about his new command. But as my most recent assignment has again reminded me, educating and training the newest members of our great Air Force is a critical responsibility. In fact, the entire defense establishment has two concurrent and co-equal responsibilities: to fight and win the current battle; and to prepare for the next one. Failure in either role is not an option, because the consequences of failure for our nation and our world are too dire to contemplate. Training our Airmen in the most enduring core competency of our Air Force - to fly, fight, and win in the air - is a solemn responsibility. I am humbled and proud to join the team that executes this mission so well.

"Over the coming months, I look forward to listening, observing, and learning about your successes and challenges as we execute this great mission. I promise to be your advocate and partner in adding to your already superb record of achievement."



During the change of command ceremony last week, I was amazed to see the array of 19th Air Force aircraft on display - they are truly awesome tools of the trade. The mission we accomplish with these aircraft is straightforward and yet incredibly challenging. I stand in awe of what you do - you build the fighting force that will take the fight to our enemies. Especially now, when the Airmen we produce will leave our command and immediately take up the fight in the long war in which we are engaged, your work is critical to winning.

It is also crucial that we provide these Airmen with skills beyond just the standard stick-and-rudder staples. They must have a solid baseline of habits and keen situational awareness that will hold them in good stead as they exploit air power's ever-improving capability to

execute our Air Force's global mission in the decades to come.

Over the coming months, I look forward to listening, observing, and learning about your successes and challenges as we execute this great mission. I promise to be your advocate and partner in adding to your already superb record of achievement.

And while this is a solemn and challenging responsibility, I promise to remind you all that we should never take ourselves too seriously. Time spent in 19th Air Force should be rewarding and enjoyable for our Airmen and their families. If it isn't, then we are doing something wrong.

Judy and I look forward to seeing you in the classroom, in the back shops, and on the flight line. Together we will make AETC the command of choice for our Airmen and their families.

Never say never, just buckle down, do it

By Capt. Laura Christensen 325th Comptroller Squadron

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN) - No one ever said you had to be rail thin and a six-minute miler to be considered a runner. Some run for the great feeling afterward when endorphins kick in. Others run to compete. The point is just to get out there and get yourself in shape.

Being physically fit is important for the mind, body and soul. The problem is most of us like to make excuses about why we can't get to the gym, why we can't run or why we can't do something physical. There comes a time when we have to stop making excuses and get serious with ourselves.

That time came more than five years ago for me. I sat there crying about how out-of-shape I was and how much weight I had gained. My story may not speak to everyone, but I'm sure there are some who may feel or have felt the same way I did. It has been a long emotional roller coaster, but I finally reached my goal of being in shape. If I can be in shape, anyone can.

I am not an elite runner nor a competitive triathlete. On the contrary, I'm rather slow. But that doesn't matter to me. It doesn't matter that the fastest I can run a mile and half is 11 minutes and 45 seconds or in a big triathlon I am usually finishing in the middle of the pack.

The enjoyment I get isn't from winning, it's from finishing and being able to look at myself in the mirror and say, "I did it." Some people who know me now think I have always been this way, meaning I could always run and bike for hours. Those who knew me six to eight years ago know differently.

I remember in high school during conditioning for basketball, our coach would have us run two miles and I would be sick inside knowing I had to run that far. It's funny how things change after 11 years.



Members of the Fairly Odd Parents coed relay team head off on the six-mile run portion of the Rambler 120 Team Challenge Saturday. More than 200 people made it a goal to compete in the triathlon, trained for weeks in advance and accomplished their goal. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

Six years ago, I was 30 pounds heavier and couldn't run more than 30 minutes without wanting to fall over. I would starve myself a few weeks before the yearly weigh-in to ensure I was under my maximum allowable weight.

For most of my life I have battled my weight and my image of myself. I was tired of the yo-yo weight gain, being afraid

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Escaping the burden of credit card debt

By Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sanner Air Force Materiel Command

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Let's face it: Credit card debt is a heavy burden to carry. Current statistics report that American credit card debt is \$785 billion, or an average of about \$7,500 per household.

Yes, credit cards are convenient. There is nothing wrong with maintaining a credit card for emergency purposes or the occasional large purchase. The problem arises when we misuse credit cards, using them as a supplement to our income.

When this happens, and debt accumulates, the stress produced can take a toll on our personal relationships, our peace of mind and, even our health.

A good rule to follow when looking to purchase anything is that if you don't know when or how you will pay for an item, then you probably can't afford the item therefore shouldn't "charge it."

That's good advice, you say. But what if you are already over your head in debt, or you just want to knock out some balances you have been carrying? Here are some tips that can help you:

- **\$ Stop spending.** The first step is to reduce your use and dependence on credit cards. Cut up all but one card with the best terms. You can't use a credit card that is maxed out anyway, and you will reduce the temptation to use it again once it is paid off.
- **\$ Get on a budget.** You need to know where your money is going before you know how much you can pay toward your cards. This will also ensure that your

mandatory bills, i.e. food, housing, car, etc., are paid first.

- **\$ Establish an emergency fund.** Establishing \$500 to \$1,000 in savings will provide a safety net for life's little emergencies, and will avoid adding to your credit card balances.
- **\$ Find the hidden money.** If you are honest about your expenditures you probably have some luxuries you could live without. Luxuries such as premium cable/satellite, internet and cell phone packages are not necessary for survival.
- **\$ Pay your highest-dollar cards, first.** List each of your credit cards, their interest rates, and their minimum payments. Pay the minimum balance on the lower interest cards, and then pay the maximum you can afford to the highest interest card. This process is called laddering.
- **\$ Make two payments a month.** Each payday send a payment to the highest rate credit card company. This pays down the principal faster, and is equal to an extra month's payment over the course of a year.
- **\$ Consider finding extra income.** A part-time job can help accelerate your debt repayment. Even just a few hours a week can provide a boost.
- **\$ Seek help.** We go to the doctor when we are sick, so, if your finances are suffering then get some help. The Airman and Family Readiness Center has certified financial counselors on staff ready and willing to help you.

You can do this! You have the power to make wise choices and be financially free. It will require discipline, as well as willingness to examine and change spending habits. The good news is that regardless of where you are at, you can chart a course to be free from credit card debt.

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of the scale and feeling inadequate. So, I finally decided it was time to make a change.

I was listening to friends of mine talk about the first half marathon they ran and I thought to myself, "Thirteen miles? You're crazy!" But, something clicked inside. I joined a weight management club to help lose weight. I hit the gym and then I hit the road and started to run again.

A good friend of mine got a group together to run a 5K in Panama City, Fla., five years ago. I placed third in my age group and that changed my life and motivated me to keep going.

Later that same year, I was listening to some of my friends talk about the Gulf Coast Half Ironman and I thought to myself again, "Swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 and run 13? You are crazy. I could never do that."

I was stationed at Eglin AFB, Fla., at the time and each year the base hosts a miniature triathlon called "My First Tri," so I tried it, and liked it. Before that race, I only swam once and couldn't swim one lap without stopping. The farthest I rode my bike was maybe 10 miles, and at that time, the farthest I had run was maybe five miles. That race was the beginning of my serious addiction to triathlons and working out, and it changed my life even more.

Today, I am 30 pounds lighter and have completed more than a dozen sprint triathlons, three half ironmans, three marathons and this past year, completed Ironman Florida. That's a long way from the 30 minutes I could barely run six years ago.

Why do I tell you all of this? I guess it's to show you we all have to start somewhere. All it takes is some dedication and motivation to keep going and you'll reach your goals. That goal can be a 5K or an Ironman. The point is just to have a goal and work at accomplishing it.

Not all of us were born athletes and runners, but we all have an inner athlete that just needs a push. Stop making excuses and get to the gym. You'll thank yourself the first time you cross the finish line and look at yourself in the mirror and say, "I did it".

I can't explain the feeling that came over me when I ran through the tape at Ironman Florida, and heard the announcer say, "Laura Christensen, you are an Ironman."

Maybe one day, that will be you.

NEWS

Randolph sergeant pleads guilty to cocaine use

By Capt. Bradley Henderson 12th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

A staff ssergeant from the 12th Security Forces Squadron pleaded guilty to violating Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice on Tuesday during a special court martial.

Staff Sgt. Brandon K. Gonzales was reduced in rank to Airman Basic after pleading guilty to using cocaine at the Metropolis Night Club on June 23.

Airman Gonzales was caught on the way into work one morning in an Operation Early Bird random urinalysis inspection.

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Operation Early Bird is part of the Drug Demand Reduction Program. During Operation Early Bird, random people are selected as they enter base. They are ordered to report to the Drug Demand Reduction Office to give a urine sample.

The program is a successful deterrent because anybody can be stopped on any given day, as they come to work, and ordered to give a urine sample.

The only way to be sure you won't be caught using drugs is to not use them, said Capt. Deric Prescott, 12th Flying Training Wing Military Justice chief.

Airman Gonzales was sentenced by a panel of officers to three months hard labor, forfeitures in pay of \$637.00 a month for six months, and a reduction to E-1.

Airman Gonzales has more than seven years of military service.

Spotlight on Justice

The 12th Flying Training Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate announced Monday the following court-martial and Article 15 actions for the third quarter of 2006:

Articles 15

An Airman violated UCMJ Article 92, dereliction of duty by underage drinking. The member received a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$297 pay, 14 days restriction and a reprimand.

An Airman violated UCMJ Article 128, assault

and battery. The member received a forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for two months, suspended for six months and a reprimand.

An Airman violated UCMJ Articles 92 and 134, dereliction of duty by underage drinking, drunk and disorderly, and unlawful entry. The member received a reduction to airman, 60 days restrictions and a reprimand.

An Airman violated UCMJ Articles 91 and 134, failure to obey a lawful order and failing to pay a debt. The member received a forfeiture of \$1009 pay and a reprimand.

Courts-Martial

☐ A field grade officer was tried by General Court-Martial for violating UCMJ Articles 92 and 133, engaging in unprofessional relationships, misuse of a government computer system, and conduct unbecoming of an officer and a gentleman. The member was sentenced to a dismissal and a reprimand. The sentence was mitigated to eight months confinement, an \$18,000 fine and a reprimand.

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AFPC names first command chief

The Air Force Personnel Center here named Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed as the center's first command chief master sergeant recently.

"This is a great day for the Air Force Personnel Center as Chief Reed will now represent AFPC at the highest level of the enlisted force," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander.

The command chief master sergeant advises the AFPC commander and senior staff on the morale, welfare and effective use of nearly 600 enlisted Airmen serving at the center.

"It is an honor to be named AFPC's first command chief," said Chief Reed. "This new position will enable me to provide better information on enlisted issues to General Przybyslawski and to our enlisted professionals serving here."

During his career, Chief Reed has held positions at the unit, base, major command and Air Force level.

Chief Reed has 28 years of military service. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Park University in 1999.

Chief Reed previously served as the chief enlisted manager for AFPC.

(Courtesy of AFPC Public Affairs)



(Right to left) Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed, Air Force Personnel Center command chief, talks enlisted issues with Tech. Sgts. Michael Williamson and Lisa Pomfret, AFPC Junior Enlisted Council members, prior to a JENCO meeting Tuesday. (Courtesy photo)

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"We're making strides, but we can still do better," he said. "The key to the program's success rests with the GTC users who must exercise careful control over how the cards are used."

The major noted that the GTC program itself is a great way for the Department of Defense to streamline the process of paying for government-directed travel and associated expenses and making sure people are doing the right thing, which includes the 9,000 GTC holders at Randolph.

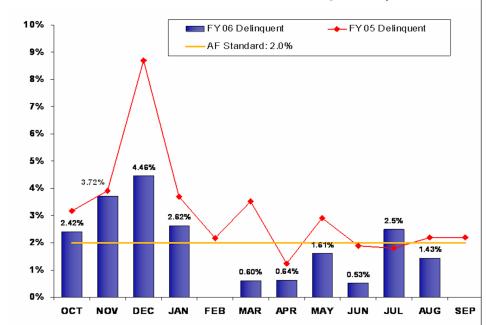
"Now units and program managers can actually see the individual purchases on a particular card (such as the store name at which they made the purchase)," said Major Britt.

In addition, the unit program managers have better control over increasing and decreasing individual card spending limits.

Commanders can determine who should and should not have a card and the default feature within the Defense Travel System allows for split much easier, said the major.

"We've made a lot of good changes

Government Travel Card Delinquency Rates



This chart shows the delinquency rate for government travel cards issued on Randolph for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006. The spike in December indicates misuse of the GTC for personal holiday purposes. (Courtesy of 12th Comptroller Squadron)

and they're making a difference," he said. "But we're always looking ahead our GTC program gets, the more disbursement which makes payment flexibility we have to institute changes enhance the commander's mission."

The Air Education and Training Command delinquency rate has and trying to make it better. The better consistently been among the lowest of the three major commands, and in May and July this year it was the lowest of the large Air Force commands.

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Chief Tappana explained that if using the tip as a weapon, it was the bow guiding the tip that made the spear most effective. He said the new NCO's were the bow.

Senior Airman Elizabeth Collymore, Air Education and Training Command, was still deciding whether or not to reenlist for a second enlistment when she entered the ballroom for the ceremony.

"Chief Tappana's speech really made me feel like becoming an NCO was an important step," said Senior Airman Collymore.

When the speech concluded, an Airman from the ranks of Airman Basic through Staff Sgt. performed a candle lighting ceremony. The duties of each rank were read, and a candle lit, to remind the new NCO's of the work they have done and the path ahead of them.

"The candle lighting ceremony really brought home the

message of how far I had come in my service to the Air Force, and how much further I have to go," said Senior Airman Tirzah Lefeber, Medical Support Squadron. "I realized how excited, blessed, and proud I am to be able to use the skills I have learned as an Airman to mentor those that will follow in my path."

After the candle lighting ceremony, certificates were presented to each inductee with the NCO creed along side a certificate of induction.

Once all of the inductees received a certificate, they lined up to recite their charges as new NCOs.

With Chief Page as a guide, every NCO stated proudly that they would fulfill their obligations as a new NCO and guide the Airmen under them in the right direction.

"Being inducted into the NCO corps is a time honored tradition," said Chief Page. "It is bestowed upon those men and women who truly understand integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do."

As the voices of our future rang throughout the ballroom, a tradition was honored and a new group of leaders were

NEWS BRIEFS

Randolph Band earns honors

Randolph High School's Ro-Hawk band received first place and multiple other honors at the East Central High School band competition recently.

The musicians received the first place award and the "Best Horn Line Award", while John Flores and Kevin Beauchemin won the "Best Drum Major Award."

Dick Wilson and assistant Hector Perez direct the band.

Communications class offered

The Health and Wellness Center offers a two-session class in Interpersonal Communications Oct. 18 and 25 from noon to 1 p.m.

The purpose of the class is to identify individual interpersonal communication styles, learn techniques to reduce misunderstandings and develop skills for managing feelings in communication.

Gas leak detection survey

The 12th Civil Engineer Division conducts its annual gas leak detection survey in the housing area Monday through Oct. 20.

Flyers are distributed in the housing area prior to work being done in specific areas. Although entry into homes is not necessary, occupants are asked to secure their pets.

For more information, call Robert McNair at 652-7316.

562nd FTS Command Day

The 562nd Flying Training Squadron holds its semi-annual Command Day today on the south ramp.

Aircraft representing the missions of the 562nd and 563rd FTSs will be on display. The base public is invited to tour the aircraft from 3-4 p.m.

Red Tail roll out ceremony

The 100th Flying Training Squadron holds a formal Red Tail roll out and building dedication Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the site of their new building, located west of the T-43 COMBS building on the south ramp.

The Red Tail markings, the signature paint scheme of the Tuskegee Airmen squadrons of World War II, are now applied to a T-1A, T-6A and T-38, all aircraft flown by the Air Force Reserve instructor pilots of the 100th FTS.

2006 Combat Medic Fest

Fort Sam Houston hosts its 2006 Combat Medic Fest Oct. 21 from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. on MacArthur parade field. The fest begins with five, 10kilometer and 10-mile run/walks.

The event includes food, a parade, car show, arts and crafts fair, children's activities and live entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

To register as a participant, go to www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com or call 221-3003.

12th Medical Group closure

The 12th Medical Group will be closed Nov. 9 for participation in Wingman Day.

Historical commission seeks input

The Universal City Historical Commission is seeking stories about the city and surrounding communities from the 1920s to the present.

Anyone with photos, documents or stories of historical interest can contact the commission at 658-5734.



Capt. Farrah Schluter

Unit: 12th Logistics Readiness Division, Deployment Control Center

Duty Title: Assistant Installation Deployment Officer Hometown: Newburg, Pa.

Hobbies: Hiking, backpacking, volunteering Goals: I would like to be the best at my job. If I'm the best, then I can make it a little easier for everyone else who depends on me.

Greatest Accomplishment: After college, I was selected to be a part of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. We did everything from fighting wild fires out west, to tutoring, to building houses, to planting trees. I completed more than 1,900 hours of community service for different organizations across the United States. For every project we completed, we were able to make someone's life a little better.

Personal Inspiration: When I was in seventh grade,

I volunteered for the first time at a homeless shelter in Washington, D.C. The pastor who ran the shelter and church was an amazing man who fought hard for his mission. He lived the "talk" and walked the "walk." He left a lasting impression on me.

Personal Motto: As Travis Tritt sings, "It's a great day to be alive." There is so much to see and do and accomplish.

Pet Peeve: Bad customer service, especially when someone is trying their hardest to pretend they just don't see you standing there.

Supervisor's Comments: "Even in the short time she's been here, Captain Schluter's contagious professionalism and unparalleled leadership is recognized throughout the Division and affects the whole base. She is taking Randolph's deployment machine to the next level."

James Grobe 12th MSG Installation Readiness Flight chief



Capt Farrah Schluter, 12th Logistics Readiness Division, reviews deployment planning documents. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at lindsey.maurice@randolph.af.mil.

Air Force leaders to discuss new 'Cyber Command'

Cross-dominance into cyberspace becomes new warfighting goal

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

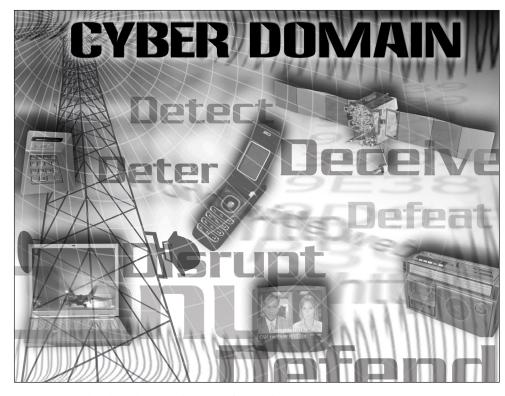
WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Air Force leaders are gathering in early November to discuss plans for the creation of a new command, one chartered with flying and fighting in cyberspace.

Cyberspace became an official Air Force domain, like air and space, on Dec. 7, 2005, when Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley introduced a new mission statement.

In a letter to Airmen, they said the new mission was to "deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace."

Now, Air Force leaders are planning to stand up a new "cyber command," to be responsible for fighting in that domain, said General Moseley.

"To deliver the full spectrum of effects we will evolve a coherent enterprise, with warfighting ethos, ready to execute any mission in peace, crisis and war," the general said. "We will foster a force of 21st century warriors, capable of delivering the full spectrum of kinetic and non-kinetic, lethal and non-lethal effects across all three domains. This is why we are standing up an operational command for cyberspace, capable of functioning as a supported or supporting component of the joint force."



Air Force leaders begin planning for the new cyber command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain, said Dr. Lani Kass, director of the Air Force Cyberspace Task Force.

"The chief of staff of the Air Force is going to gather his senior officers and talk about the new domain, in which, according to our mission, we are going to fly and fight," she said. "Our objective is to come out with a course, a vector, that will set us up for transforming our Air Force, to get us ready for the fight of the 21st century."

According to Dr. Kass, cyberspace is neither a mission nor an operation. Instead, cyberspace is a strategic, operational and tactical warfighting domain — a place in which the Air Force or other services can fight.

"The domain is defined by the

electromagnetic spectrum," Dr. Kass said. "It's a domain just like air, space, land and sea. It is a domain in and through which we deliver effects — fly and fight, attack and defend — and conduct operations to obtain our national interests."

The cyber domain includes all the places an electron travels. The electron, which is part of the atom, can travel from one atom to the next. This concept is key to electronic communication and energy transmission.

The Air Force now dominates both air and space above a theater of operations, so it has "cross-domain dominance" there. But the Air Force must gain dominance in cyberspace as well, because cyberspace superiority is now a prerequisite to effective operations in all other warfighting domains.

The U.S. military's control of air,

land, sea and space depends entirely on communication and transmission of energy in its various forms. For the Air Force and its sister services, continued dominance in their respective domains means establishing cross-domain dominance across air, space, land, sea and now cyber.

"Cross-domain dominance means being able to deliver effects in all domains at the same time, at the speed of sound and at the speed of light," Dr. Kass said. "We cannot afford to allow an enemy to achieve cross-domain dominance before us. This is the nature of the transformational mission the chief and the secretary gave us."

While the Air Force develops mastery of the cyber domain, America's enemies are quickly becoming more adept in their own use of the domain, in part, because of the low cost of fighting there.

"Enemies who cannot match us on land, at sea, in the air, or in space, are exploiting the fact that in cyberspace you have a very low entry cost," Dr. Kass said. "Low cost is what makes that domain extremely attractive to nations, criminal and terrorist organizations who could not possibly attack the United States symmetrically."

Until recently, the Air Force had not named cyberspace as a separate warfighting domain or said it would fly and fight there. But now that the Air Force has recognized cyber as a warfighting domain, it will begin specific planning on how it can conduct both defensive and offensive actions there.

The Air Force is still working on what exactly it means to fight in the cyber domain. While the Air Force knows some of what it wants to

See **Cyber** on page 12

Early detection key to breast cancer prevention

By Staff Sqt. Lindsey Maurice 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This year more than 211,000 new cases of breast cancer are expected in the United States alone.

As the nation observes National Breast Cancer Awareness this month, the Randolph Women's Health Care Clinic encourages women to learn about the early signs of cancer and how to detect them.

"This is a time dedicated to provide women information about breast cancer risk factors, prevention and early detection," said Maj. Felicia Lauten, Women's Health Care nurse practitioner. "We want to help women understand that early detection improves the chance for successful treatment. This observance is a way to increase awareness that excluding skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and the second only to lung cancer as a leading cause of cancer death."

The major said the two biggest risk factors for breast cancer are being a woman and increasing age.

"A woman's risk of developing breast cancer

increases almost linearly with age until about the ninth decade of life," she said. "Most breast cancers occur in postmenopausal women and half of all newly diagnosed breast cancers occur in women age 65 and older."

But this doesn't mean younger women aren't at risk, the major said.

"Anyone can become victim to breast cancer," she said. "Up to 70 or 80 percent of breast cancers in women are sporadic (meaning not associated with a hereditary syndrome) making it important to be aware of risk factors to include those you can control such as poor diet, smoking, high alcohol consumption and pregnancy after age 30; and those things you have no control over including genetics and menopause after age

The major encourages all women to conduct monthly self examinations.

The Randolph Family Care Clinic has teaching pamphlets available to women on how to conduct self breast exams. Women can also contact the Women's Health Clinic for more information.

"Women need to understand that early detection does improve their survival rate, said Major Lauten. "It saves thousands of lives each year."

Breast Cancer Detection Plan

The American Cancer Society recommends women with an average risk of getting breast cancer take the following

Conduct monthly breast selfexaminations beginning at age

Have yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing as long as you remain in good health.

Have clinical breast examinations as part of a periodic health visit. Every three years for women age 20-39 and yearly for women age 40 and older.

- ☐ Keep a personal calendar to record your self-exams, mammograms and doctor appointments.
- ☐ Follow a low-fat diet, regular exercise, and no smoking.



As part of Operation Igloo White, the Air Force dropped ADSID IIIs along the Ho Chi Minh trail starting in December

What did the ADSID III do?

- A) Seismic Sensor
- B) Motion Detecting Camera
- C) Laser Guided Bomb
- D) Beacon for downed pilots

Initial Flight Screening operations begin today

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PUEBLO, Colo. (AETCNS) — As the first students report for class, Air Education and Training Command will formally usher in a new era in flying training when Initial Flight Screening operations begin at Pueblo Memorial Airport today.

The Initial Flight Screening program evaluates candidates hoping to enter Air Force aviation training either as pilots or combat systems officers. Doss Aviation is the contractor responsible for providing the facilities, flight instruction, aircraft, maintenance, emergency services and more for the program. The Air Force oversees IFS from a quality assurance perspective and also provides the students military training and supervision during the course of their instruction.

IFS is intended to standardize flight screening across the Air Force, according to Lt. Col. John Tomjack, Detachment 1 commander, a geographically separated detachment of the 306th Flying Training Group and the unit providing the military supervision and training to students.

"The IFS program was designed to screen for aviation aptitude but also provide the military rigor and camaraderie missing in some general aviation programs," Colonel Tomjack said. "When we are at full



Diamond DA-20s rest on the Pueblo Memorial Airport ramp. The two-seater planes, with the exception of the four-seater DA-40, (second from right) will be used by Doss Aviation to train Initial Flight Screening students. (Courtesy photo)

we will be the sole source of flight screening for all Reserve Officer Training Corps and Officer Training School aviation candidates."

Another positive aspect of IFS will be the introduction to military lifestyle provided during training. "Detachment 1 will prepare the students for the rigors of military life and aviation," Colonel

scale operations, approximately 18 months from now, Tomjack said. "IFS graduates will arrive at their Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training assignments better prepared to successfully complete the program."

> The first IFS class begins with 15 students today. Within two years, the contract calls for every pilot and Combat Systems Officer candidate to go through IFS, except for Air Force Academy cadets, who train through a similar program at the Academy.



Randolph Air Force Base houses more than 30 mission partners, including Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service and 19th Air Force to name a few. Each organization conducts a unique operation, essential to the Air Force mission. These units, along with the 12th Flying Training Wing, are what make Randolph Air Force Base the "Showplace of the Air Force." This column is one of many focusing on one of these very special mission partners.

AETC Studies and Analysis at cutting edge

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

It may be small, but its work affects every part of the Air Education and Training Command and, through AETC, the whole Air Force.

The 35 people assigned to the AETC Studies and Analysis Squadron bring a variety of skills to the base, said Lt. Col. Scott Long, squadron commander.

"We take on the tasks of testing and analyzing new or upgraded training technologies and systems used within AETC," he said.

The squadron reports directly to Brig. Gen. Richard Perraut, AETC Director of Plans, Requirements and Programs, making it one of the few squadrons in the Air Force that reports directly to a major command, Colonel Long explained.

The unique skills required to fulfill their mission take them into every "schoolhouse" in the command and bridge the fast-shrinking gap between military instruction methods and the civilian world of high technology.

The colonel described how the squadron is organized along four major functional lines.

The Test and Evaluation Flight is responsible for testing methods and devices used in flying training, as well as the full range of AETC technical training schools. For example, they recently completed an operational flight test of the T-38C Block 5 avionics upgrade.

Another project, currently in its final stages, tested a backpack hydration system for the Air

Force basic training environment as a possible replacement for the traditional canteen mounted on the waist belt.

The Technology Innovation Flight is responsible for evaluating commercial off-the-shelf products and methods for application in Air Force classrooms.

"These innovative developments include such things as 'E-Books' as a possible replacement for hard copy textbooks in certain AETC courses," said the colonel.

Another technology recently evaluated was an interactive counseling computer simulation intended to replace traditional role-playing exercises in various levels of professional military education.

The Command Studies Flight performs technical and mathematical analysis to support AETC decision makers. Among other projects, they are currently conducting a study of Altus Air Force Base, Okla., pattern saturation to evaluate aircraft basing options. The flight also manages the Pilot Candidate Selection Method program that tests the hand-eye coordination skills of prospective pilot candidates and reports scores to all pilot selection boards.

Colonel Perraut said the squadron also has an

operating location physically located at Edwards AFB, Calif., comprised of five people.

> "They have the enviable task of working with the latest weapons systems to ensure the necessary 'school houses' have the

lead on developing curriculum to train operators and maintainers before those systems go operational," he said.

Recent experience
with unmanned
reconnaissance aircraft
moving directly from advanced
technology demonstration to

combat operations without traditional military development cycles was the exception to the normal acquisition rules, said the colonel. This is an example of where the squadron has the high priority task of setting the training cycles in

motion to prepare Airmen for using new systems. The Studies and Analysis Squadron has been in existence at Randolph for about ten years, but its products affect the classrooms of every AETC system.

"We like to think of ourselves as being on the cutting edge of both technology and training," Colonel Long said. "That keeps our lives interesting, and we're excited about what we're doing."

'Universal' ID Card part of federal security upgrades

By Gerry J. Gilmore American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - New identification cards to be issued to Defense Department employees beginning next month will help standardize workforce identification and security access systems across the government, a senior Defense Department official said.

The new common access card eventually will be issued to all federal employees and is part of a standardized, secure credentialing system that was mandated after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Mary Dixon, deputy director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va., said during a joint interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

Starting Oct. 27, the new "super CAC" ID cards will be issued to employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates, she said.

The new cards interface with a secure, encrypted credentialing database and are interoperable for personal identification as well as access to federal buildings and facilities, she said.

Its computer chip will contain two encrypted fingerprints and a personal identification number.

However, each facility will still determine who is authorized access, Dixon pointed out. Information embedded on the cards is quickly referenced and compared to centrally stored personnel security clearance data, she said.

"It is an effort to try to improve the security in the federal government," Dixon explained. The new cards also help employees secure their computer networks, she said, as well as providing improved security for federal buildings, military installations and campuses.

"So, I can use this card, not just in the Department of Defense, but it can be read in other agencies," Dixon said. "If they choose to give me access, they can then read my card," she said.

The new card features the user's photograph, like other cards now in circulation, Dixon said. But its computer chip also will contain two encrypted fingerprints and a personal identification number.

The new card can be read, either by swiping it or by waving it near a special card reader, she said.

Issuance of the new card has the potential of reducing the number of agency security badges, Dixon said, because federal agencies will refer to a standardized credentialing system. However, agency security administrators still have the authority to approve or deny access.

"The card, on its own, does not entitle you to any access to anything," Dixon explained. "It is an authentication token."

"Every time you use the card, it is authenticated, meaning somebody checks to make sure that that card is a 'good' card issued in the Department of Defense to you, and that it is still valid," Dixon said.

As always, employees who believe their governmentissued ID card has been lost or stolen are required to notify security administrators, Dixon said, who then deactivate the card.

This ensures that cards reported stolen or missing can't be used in DoD, she said.

(Courtesy of Defense Link)



A) Seismic Sensor

The Air Force dropped them beside enemy roads and pathways in Vietnam where they stuck into the ground like a dart.

Basically a radio transmitter, the ADSID III picked up vibrations from enemy trucks and troop movements, and transmitted the data to an intelligence center via an aircraft flying overhead. US personnel could then determine the rate of enemy activity in a certain area and order air strikes as necessary.

A similar version was designed to hang from a tree by it's parachute and transmit actual sounds from the area.



'Operation Homecoming' book tour passes through Randolph Base Exchange

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Base Exchange hosts a special book tour Saturday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The featured book is "Operation Homecoming", a collection of almost 100 never-before-published

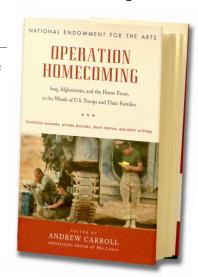
eyewitness accounts, private journals, short stories, letters, e-mails, poems and other personal writings of people participating in, or directly affected by, wartime operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The book is an effort of the National Endowment for the Arts to gather first-hand observations and emotions of soldiers and their home-front families as they experienced the war and its after effects.

More than 10,000 pages of material were collected in a series of workshops conducted by writers and editors before the final draft was narrowed down to 374 pages.

The NEA enlisted the help of a group of American writers to encourage people to write, but the words of the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and families are their own.

According to its editor, Andrew Carroll, the book is filled with words of people in



combat, people working triage, widows, mothers who lost sons mothers who lived through their son's rehabilitation pains. It includes the words of many who came home safely and the words of some who came home gravely wounded. It is the story of the war and American people. It is the story of every man and woman who has worn a uniform.

As Mr. Carroll writes in the introduction, "words

like courage and honor are hollow without an understanding of the horrific conditions in which they are forged."

The story of how the book came together can be found at www.operationhome-coming.gov. Copies of the book will be available at the base exchange tomorrow during the book tour, which is sponsored by the publisher, Random House Publishing Company. Editor Andrew Carroll is scheduled to be here for the event.

According to Random House officials, proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to provide arts and cultural programming to U.S. military communities.

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accomplish - things similar to what it is doing already in air and space, for instance - there remain challenges to working in the new domain.

"One of the most important things we do, in and for cyberspace, is enable the kill chain," Dr. Kass said. "It allows us to help find, fix and finish the targets we are after. The problem is finding the target. Most of the enemies are hiding in plain sight."

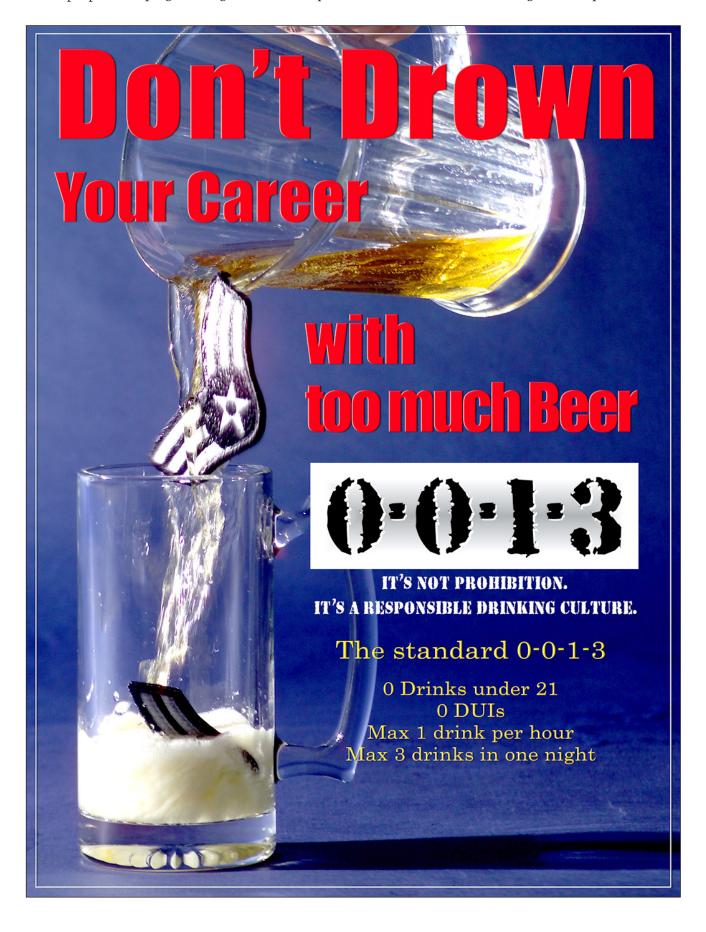
Finding an enemy in the cyber domain means sifting through the huge amount of data there. In the United States, or above a battle space, there are thousands of signals, and most of those are "friendly." The challenge is identifying the signal of someone that means to do harm.

Being able to discern what is a friendly signal and what is an enemy signal is one of the challenges the Air Force faces as it moves into the cyber domain. While the Air Force works on that challenge, it is also working to define which Airmen will be the ones to conduct cyber operations, what kind of training they will need, and what exactly their job will be.

Dr. Kass said the Air Force doesn't believe it will have trouble finding Airmen to fill the role of cyberwarrior, however.

"Kids today live on the Internet, they establish an alternative reality there," she said. "Getting those kids interested in doing something amazing in our Air Force across the electromagnetic spectrum should be easy. This is new and exciting – where people who love to interact in the high-tech arena, for example, can generate significant effects for the defense of the United States."

Like in other domains, the Air Force will probably conduct more than just defensive operations. Fighting in cyberspace also means conducting offensive operations. It is unclear now exactly what will constitute an offensive cyber operation, but it is likely the effects the Air Force will eventually bring to bear upon America's enemies will look much like the effects America's enemies bring to bear upon America.



SPORTS and FITNESS Wingspread October 13, 2006

Fit to fight

Randolph Airman represents AF in extreme way

By Senior Airman Rhina Portillochacon 375th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - "No striking an opponent to the back of the head, no hair pulling, no grabbing the cage and most importantly...don't break anybody's neck."

Those were some of the rules dictated by referee Scott Ventimiglia to a locker room full of men. Even though they might seem like unusual regulations for a servicemember to follow, they are just part of another day in the life of Steve Horton.

Horton is a technical sergeant assigned to the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office. Aside from his normal desk job, he is also a professional fighter - representing the Air Force in events such as the Oct. 4 "Real Fighting Championship" in Collinsville, Ill., just outside Horton's hometown of St.

A wrestler for more than 30 years, Horton has participated as a representative of the Air Force in events such as the National Veteran's Wrestling Champion-ship, the U.S. Olympic Team Trials and the World Wrestling Championship in Hradec Kralev, Czech Republic.

"I've been wrestling since I was six years old, but the Air Force has allowed me to compete and evolve in my training and skills," said Horton.

Horton has the full support of not only his family, but also his chain of command.

"It makes a difference when your leadership fully supports you and are behind you in the sport," he said. "Some may look at this and argue that it's not a real sport, but when your leaders understand it and support it, it means so much more."

Horton enjoys promoting health and wellness as well as maintaining a regular workout routine.

"I do cardio in the morning, usually consisting of 20 to 30 minutes on the treadmill, then I do a lot of plyometric training and a lot of functional training, like throwing a medicine ball around," he said.

However, Horton usually stays away from lifting weights when preparing for a fight.

"You are rarely going to have the opportunity to bench press your opponent off you," he joked. "So, I try to do things that will help my endurance and my conditioning while I am in the cage."

Unfortunately, Horton suffered an injury during his last fight, dislocating a rib while attacking his opponent during the first round.

"There is nothing like the feeling of getting in a cage and having the door shut behind you," said Horton. "But in a sport like this, anything can happen...there are so many ways to win or lose."

Mixed martial arts and other fighting styles are, slowly but surely, becoming popular among servicemembers.

The Oct. 4 matches also featured a Navy Seal and an AF spouse, Julia Burgess, wife of 375th Communication Squadron's Tech. Sgt. Richard



Prior to the opening bell Steve Horton of the 12th Flying Training Wing touches gloves with his opponent Luke Gwaltney during a Real Fight League bout at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Ill. (Courtesy photo)

Burgess, the only female match that night, participated in a kickboxing exhibition fight.

"When I was 15, I was going to sign up for a belly dancing class, but it was full," said Burgess, "so I signed up for the next class available – self defense. When my husband PCS'ed to Scott AFB the first thing I did was 'Google' my trainer."

Promoters of such events continue to include interested military members, not only as fighters, but

"We will definitely do more for the military in future fights," said Chris Prakit, event staff. "We support the servicemembers and what they do. To be a fighter, be able to train and entertain us, on top of defending our country makes us respect them so much more."

The "Real Fighting Championships" will be held in St. Louis every quarter.

Horton, with dozens of professional fights under his belt, is scheduled to return as a featured fighter



Intramural Golf Standings

as of Thursday

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Poth shuts out Ro-Hawks 25-0

The Randolph Ro-Hawks could not overcome the powerhouse Poth Pirates Oct. 6 as the Pirates shut them out 25-0. Led by quarterback Cole Gorzell and running back Michael Dziuk, the Pirates were unstoppable, scoring a touchdown every quarter while the Ro-Hawks struggled to get points on the scoreboard.

This takes the Ro-Hawk record to 3-2. Randolph plays Kansas City in the Ro-Hawks homecoming game today at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

(Courtesy of Jacqueline Harry)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Run-a-thon

The Randolph Enlisted Wives Club hosts a Domestic Violence Awareness month threemile run-a-thon Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Eberle Park.

Runners must raise at least \$1 for every mile they run, with all proceeds going to the Family Justice Center of San Antonio.

Registration forms are available at the family advocacy office in Building 860. For more information, call 652-6308.

Tee times

Golfers must sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.

Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty military members in their group to qualify.

To sign-up, e-mail tee.time@randolph.af.mil.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, kickboxing, pilates and yoga. For details, call 652-2955.

Story ideas needed

The Wingspread staff wants to expand its sports section and would like to highlight physically active members of Team Randolph.

If you know someone who fits this description, such as a marathon runner, triathlon participant, martial arts instructor, competitive body builder or ultimate sports competitor, call 652-5760.

COMMUNITY Wingspread October 13, 2006

Randolph focuses on energy conservation

By Roger Kiker Randolph energy manager

October is National Energy Awareness month, a time for Team Randolph to learn about energy conservation.

During the month, Team Randolph is encouraged to be aware of how they are using electricity, natural gas, water and automotive fuels each day.

According to the Department of Energy the United States is currently the largest energy user and alone uses 22 percent of the world's energy consumption. The DOE also states that today's energy resources within the United States are being used up faster than the energy can be produced. This drives the dependence on foreign oil to support our demands.

The DOE's theme for National Energy Awareness month this year is, "Energy Independence Depends on US - Choose Wisely, Use Wisely". This message is meant to remind people that everyone must help conserve energy to reduce import of fuels and increase our energy independence.

Not only is the demand of energy rising, the

cost of energy is also rising. According to the Randolph Energy office, the total utility bill for Randolph currently exceeds \$7 million per year.

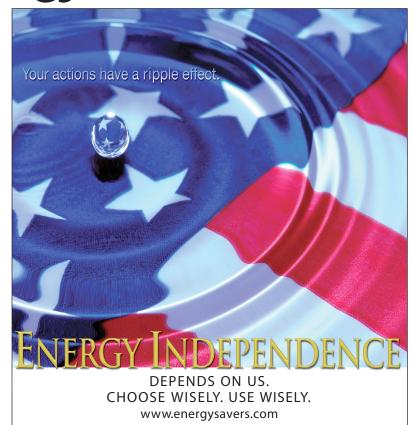
The importance of saving energy wherever possible has been realized by our government. President George W. Bush has now approved the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This act states that federal installations, such as Randolph, must reduce energy usage by two percent per year, until 2015, equaling a required 20 percent reduction.

The goal is aggressive and will take all of Team Randolph to accomplish.

"Obviously only one person's contribution is a small part of the picture but with all of us at Randolph working together, this goal can be achieved," said Francis Dinh, energy engineer. "Each person's small efforts to conserve energy at home and at work can also add up to great dollar savings for Randolph."

By actively participating in conservation techniques learned this month, the savings will allow the Air Force to reduce utility costs and allow these funds to support today's war fighter.

For more details, visit www.energysavers.gov.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randolph PTO carnival

The Randolph Parent Teacher Organization hosts a carnival Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the Randolph Elementary School. The event includes food, games, a cake walk and silent auction. The cost is \$5 which includes a burger, chips and a soda, provided by Outback Steakhouse. The school receives 100 percent of the funds raised.

People can sign up through the school. The deadline is Monday.

Adopt a highway cleanup

Air Force Sergeants Association and Randolph First Sergeants Council are looking for volunteers to help clean up a four-mile stretch of 1604 near the base Saturday at 8 a.m.

The first sergeants and AFSA Chapter 1075 conduct this project quarterly in support of the Adopt a Highway program.

To volunteer, contact your unit first sergeant.

American Indian Heritage meeting

The American Indian Heritage month committee meets Oct. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the military equal opportunity office, Building 220, to plan events for the upcoming observance. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Mark Case at 565-4211 or Master Sgt. David Meador at 565-4161.

EDUCATION SERVICES 652-5964

St. Phillip's College

St. Phillip's College fall term II registration is currently underway. Students can take a variety of classes on base including American Literature, Composition II, Introduction to Computers, American History II, College Algebra, Speech and Sociology. Classes begin the week of Oct. 23.

For more information, call 659-1096. CCAF graduate scholarships

Scholarship applications are available to those students who graduated from

the Community College of the Air Force within the last two years. The scholarships provide competitive onetime grants for graduates pursuing a bachelor's degree.

For more information, call 652-5964

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS FLIGHT 652-5321

WIC

The Women, Infants and Children satellite office at the chapel center, is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 225-0213.

A& FRF closure

The Airman and Family Readiness Flight, formerly known as the family support center, will be closed from 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday for its monthly inservice training.

San Antonio tour

Military members and their families can enjoy a free, guided tour of downtown San Antonio Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour visits historic sites such as the Alamo, Mission San Jose, the River Walk and El Mercado. Attendees also stop for lunch at their own expense. Childcare is provided with home day care providers for children under age 12.

To sign up, call 652-3060.

CHAPEL SERVICES 652-6121

Protestant men's retreat

The Protestant Men of the Chapel hosts its annual retreat Oct. 20-22 at His Hill Retreat Center in Comfort, Texas. The group departs Chapel 1 Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. and returns Oct. 22 around 1 p.m. All men are invited to attend. The cost is \$20. The retreat leader is Chaplain Al Hockaday.

To sign up, call 652-6121.

Protestant

Sunday - Traditional worship at 8:30 a.m., Contemporary service at 10 a.m. and Gospel service at 11:30 a.m. all in Chapel 1

Diggin' it



Randolph Middle School sixth grade social studies teacher Diane Hogan watches over her students as they conduct an "archeological dig" in a sand box last week to discover what ancient civilization the artifacts they uncover may belong to. The students spent a better part of a week studying archeology and ancient civilizations through research and computer technology leading up to the final hands-on project. (Photo by Jeff Duffield)

Monday - Scrapbooking from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the chapel center; Men's Gospel Service choir from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in Chapel 1

Tuesday - Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Gospel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Wednesday - Women's Bible study at 12:15 p.m. in the chapel center; Contemporary Praise Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel 1; Protestant Youth of the Chapel Bible study at 7:15 p.m. at 10 Main Circle

Thursday - Women's Bible study at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel center; Praise Team meeting at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel 1; Precept Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel center; Chancel choir practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 1

Catholic

Saturday - Confession at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. in Chapel 1 Sunday - Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2

Sunday - Religious Education from 9:45-11 a.m. in Building 743, 563rd

and Mass at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 1

Flying Training Squadron Monday-Friday – Rosary at 11:10 a.m.

• TIP OF THE WEEK

Fall is the time to landscape with native and drought tolerant grasses, ground covers, plants and trees. Once established, they do not need water as frequently and usually survive a dry period without watering.

Tuesday - Rite of Christian Initiation

Tuesday - Traditional Choir practice

Monday - Wedding briefing at 3 p.m.

Wednesday - Film luncheon at

11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the chapel

Thursday - Ecumenical Men's and

Women's Bible study at noon in the

for Adults, 7-9 p.m. in the chapel

at 6 p.m. in Chapel 2; Cantor

practice at 7 p.m. in Chapel 2

Ecumenical

chapel center

652-4668

WATER WISE

in the chapel center





"Invincible"

Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday – 2 p.m. Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear Rated PG, 104 min.

A Philadelphia Eagles fan's wildest dream comes true when he becomes a member of the team. At 30 years old, he gets a chance to show his talent when the head coach holds an open tryout. Based on a true story.

"Idlewild"

Saturday – 6 p.m. Andre Benjamin, Antwan Patton Rated R, 121 min.

Set against the backdrop of a 1930s southern speakeasy, Idlewild follows the club's shy piano player and showy lead performer and manager. The director uses drama, music, cinema and style to bring the tale of struggling singers to life.

"Barnyard: The Original Party Animals"

Sunday - 2 p.m. Animated Rated PG, 83 min.

Otis, a carefree barnyard cow, spends all of his time partying and playing tricks on humans. But, the party animal's antics must quickly be put to rest as he finds himself put in a position of responsibility on the farm.



" Wicker Man"

Sunday – 6 p.m. Nicolas Cage, Ellen Burstyn Rated PG-13, 97 min.

A local sheriff investigates a young child's mysterious disappearance on a remote island off the coast of Maine, where the community says she never existed. As the search continues, he is led into a web of deceit.

SERVICES

YOUTH CENTER 652-2088

Thanksgiving camp registration

Parents can register their children for the youth center's Thanksgiving camp now through Nov. 10 or until it is full. The camp runs Nov. 20-24.

MISCELLANEOUS

Holiday gift-wrapping fundraiser

The 12th Services Division is taking requests from units and private organizations interested in participating in its holiday gift wrapping fundraising program scheduled Nov. 24 through Dec. 24 at the base exchange.

The BX provides the table, chairs, gift boxes, wrapping paper and tissue. Participants must provide the manpower, ribbons, bows, scissors, tape and gift tags. Units get to profit all the donations they make.

For more information about the participation approval process and available dates and times, call Mike Porter at 860-0981.

Comedy show

Comedians Matt Golightly, Cleto Rodriguez, Olivia Arrington and Patrick DeGuire will entertain a Randolph audience Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in the enlisted club ballroom. Advanced ticket sales open Monday. The cost is \$10 for

club members and \$15 for all others. The cost includes light hors d'oeuvres.

For more information, call 652-3056 or 652-4864.

Information, Tickets & Travel 652-5640

Discount tickets

There are discount tickets available for the following attractions:

- Sea World of San Antonio
- Six Flags
- Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, Texas
- Other local attractions including the IMAX and Regal Theaters, Natural Bridge Caverns, Natural Wildlife Park and Malibu Grand Prix.

Texas Renaissance Festival

Customers can purchase tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival for any weekend in October and November. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 12.

ENLISTED CLUB 652-3056

Randolph Karaoke Idol

Customers can compete in the Randolph Karaoke Idol contest Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The contest runs every Wednesday through Dec. 13. Each weekly winner receives \$10 in club bucks and a spot in the Randolph Karaoke Star of the

Year contest Dec. 20.

The overall winner receives 10 hours of recording time at a studio valued at

Contestants are judged on performance, tone and pitch. It is open to all Department of Defense ID cardholders.

Nite Club Patio special

Customers can enjoy \$2 food and drink specials Tuesdays at the Nite Club patio.

Birthday bingo

Members celebrating their birthday in October get a free bingo machine and cake Tuesday. Participants must have their military ID and club card with them.

OFFICERS' CLUB 652-4864

Family night

The next family night is Wednesday from 5:30-8 p.m. Children ages 12 and under eat free from their special menu and adults receive one free meal per entreé ordered.

Kids Night Out buffet

Children age 12 and younger can enjoy a free oriental buffet Saturday from 6-8 p.m.

The cost is \$8.95 for club members and \$10.95 for all others. Entertainment and goody bags are provided for children.

Bingo takes place in the Sky Lounge every Thursday from 6-10 p.m. The jackpot is \$1,150. Hourly drawings are held for free Bingo cards, club coins and coupons.

A free buffet is provided for players.

CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466

Bass boat special

Customers can rent a professional bass boat for half price, \$32.50, plus fuel costs throughout October.

Fishing pier

The Canyon Lake Randolph Recreation Area fishing pier is open 24 hours a day. Customers can rent fishing equipment and purchase live bait.

ARTS and CRAFTS 652-2788

Make It and Take It

The next Make It and Take It class is Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and features ceramic pumpkin painting. The cost is \$18.

To sign up, call 652-5142.

Holiday gifts

The Randolph Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of holiday items for sale. Customers can also work on handmade holiday gifts.

For details, call 652-2788.

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